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## ***Mayor Healy and the Jersey City Police Department to Receive \$ 2.2 Million Grant for Radio Room Funding Will Allow Jersey City to Have the Most Modern 9-1-1 Center in the Country***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Jersey City Police Department will receive a \$2.2 million grant from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Telecommunications at **11 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at Police Headquarters, 8 Erie Street.**

The city was awarded the monies through the State of New Jersey Enhanced 91-1- General Assistance Grant will be used towards upgrades and the expansion of the Radio Room network, which includes a new facility that will house fire, police and other vital communication operations for the city.

“Together with the Jersey City Police Department, we are strongly committed to equipping our Police Officers and Emergency Services personnel so that they can best protect our city and our residents” said **Mayor Healy**. “But we also believe in utilizing grants to fund these vital upgrades so that we don’t have to add an extra burden on the taxpayer.”

The two grants: **(1) \$ 1,990,078.44** will be used towards the upgrades and purchase of 9-1-1 center equipment and maintenance; and **(2) and the second grant in the amount of \$219,949.00** will be used towards T1 lines, wireless connections and monthly charges for several years. The total amount of the grant monies is **\$2,209,949.44.**

The grant will allow the city to put in place the most modern 9-1-1 Emergency Center not only in the State of New Jersey, but in the country. It will also allow the City to consolidate some services, personnel and equipment which will yield savings to the overall yearly costs for the Emergency Operations Center. The upgrades and the expansion of emergency communication are key in providing a reliable and robust network with emergency service personnel and the community.

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The funding will also allow the Jersey City Police Department to increase its number of dispatchers from 12 to 30.

“It’s our obligation to put the best officers on the street with the best equipment available,” said Police Chief **Thomas Comey**. “I’d like to commend the Mayor and the administration, as well as the grant writers, who were instrumental in securing this important funding.”

**All media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer Morrill, Press Secretary to Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy at 201-547-4836 or 201-376-0699.**

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